

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 7 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 5 and 11 are independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendment does not add new matter to the application and is fully supported by the specification. Support for the amendment may be found at least at page 11, line 15 to page 12, line 8 of the specification.

Entry of the Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. In view of the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, Claim 7 was objected to for informalities in structure.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct said informalities. This amendment is made for the sole purpose of clarification of the method of claim 7. This amendment is not made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention, and no change in claim scope is intended. Therefore Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7, as amended, overcomes the stated objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claim 7.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,617,802 issued to Roh (“Roh”). This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

In order for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) to be proper, a single reference must disclose every claimed feature. To be patentable, a claim need only recite a single novel feature that is not disclosed in the cited reference. Thus, the failure of a cited reference to disclose one or more claimed features renders the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection improper.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a “main path switch coupled between the contact point of the first and second switches and second end of the rising ramp switch.” Claim 5 recites, *inter alia*, a “main path switch being coupled between the second voltage and the scan electrode.” Claim 11 recites, *inter alia*, a “main path switch coupled between the contact point of the first and second switches and another end of the rising ramp switch.”

The Office Action relies upon Yp and Yfr of Roh’s Figure 5 to anticipate the main path switch claimed in claims 1, 5 and 11. However, Roh does not disclose Yp and Yfr with the structure recited in claims 1, 5 and 11. Rather, in Roh, Yfr is coupled between a contact point of the first and second switches and a ground terminal. Therefore, Yp and Yfr cannot anticipate Applicant’s main path switch because, together, Yp and Yfr are not “coupled between the contact point of the first and second switches and second end of the rising ramp switch,” “between the second voltage and the scan electrode,” nor “between the contact point of the first and second switches and another end of the rising ramp switch.”

Since none of the other prior art of record discloses or suggests all the features of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 5 and 11, and all

the claims that depend therefrom are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 1-11.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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